



Outpatient Volunteer - Men's Craft



Bird Boxes made by patients

St Gemma's Hospice Outpatients provide extra support to patients and their families if the patient chooses to remain at home during their illness. Service users can enjoy the friendly and therapeutic environment, access creative therapy activities, wellbeing, emotional support, and appointments with specialist doctors and therapists.

Organisation Overview	St Gemma's Hospice is one of the largest hospices in the UK. The Hospice provides expert palliative and end of life care for thousands of people in Leeds each year across our community, in-patient and outpatients. It is a prominent and respected charity at the heart of the local community.
St Gemma's Values & Behaviours	St Gemma's has a set of values and behaviours to improve the experience for our patients, staff & volunteers. This means that in undertaking this role you are expected at all times to behave in a way that demonstrates commitment to the delivery of thoughtful care to all and continual improvement in line with the values of Caring, Aspiring & Professional .
Location of Position/Time Commitment	St Gemma's Hospice, 329 Harrogate Road, Moortown, Leeds, LS17 6QD. 1-2 hours per week on a Wednesday afternoon.
Description of the tasks	<p>Supported by a Palliative Care Worker during the session this volunteer role focuses on a men-only group of patients and carers, working either individually or in small groups, to engage in light construction and creative projects. Responsibilities include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assisting male patients and carers with hands-on tasks such as making, repairing, or repurposing items - for example, crafting bird boxes or creating small, practical gifts. • Designing and delivering structured, engaging activities suited to participants' interests and abilities, which may be offered as one-off sessions or as a series over several weeks. • Preparing, setting up, and clearing away materials and equipment to ensure a safe, organised, and welcoming environment. • Ensuring the welfare, dignity, and safety of all participants, staff, and volunteers involved in activities within the Hospice setting.

Skills and Qualification	<p>Essential skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Practical experience, for example DIY projects, Woodworking and Crafting, General repairs and maintenance • Strong and confident communication skills • Ability to design and prepare tailored activities or projects appropriate for patients and/or carers <p>Desirable skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skilled in coaching, guiding, and supporting patients and carers through practical tasks.
Training and Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Volunteers will be provided with a comprehensive training booklet, which will be used during the induction process. • All volunteers are offered a Hospice Induction session. • Regular training updates in-line with the development of the role. • Regular volunteer events to share ideas and socialise with volunteers and staff. • Hospice staff support activities during the outpatient sessions.
Reimbursement of expenses	If you volunteer for four hours or more in one day, then we can offer expenses for lunch or travel, up to agreed maximum levels
Benefits to the volunteer	<p>By volunteering with St Gemma's Hospice you will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Join a welcoming and supportive team in our Outpatient Services, helping to make a difference to the lives of our patients and carers through your knowledge and skills. • Be part of St Gemma's vibrant community of volunteers, all working together to support a valued local charity. • Receive tailored training and ongoing support to help you succeed and feel confident in your volunteer role. • Enjoy special volunteer thank-you events and see how the incredible impact your time and support contributes to the Hospice and those we care for.
Application procedure	Please fill in the application form via our website St Gemma's Jobs Join Our Team - St Gemma's Hospice (st-gemma.co.uk) or if you require assistance to fill in your application form please contact the Volunteer Services Team on at volunteering@st-gemma.co.uk or call 0113 2185500. A DBS check will be required for this post.
Contact information	If you would like further information on this opportunity please contact Shona Eyre on 0113 218 5294 or email shona.eyre@st-gemma.co.uk